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**Journalist groups want the media first in line for information.**

Testifying before a Senate Governmental Affairs subcommittee, Jack C. Landau, representing the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press and the Society of Professional Journalists, said the passage of the Freedom of Information Act in 1967 "has not produced the type of prompt and effective disclosure of government information for the press and the general public that was envisioned." The press — and by extension, the public — should come first, before businesses and law firms and should be charged at a lower rate for processing of requests, he said. Due to time and money problems, he said, less than 5 percent of all information requests are made by journalists, scholars and writers seeking information to disseminate to the public. He noted that agencies like the CIA and FBI are unable to respond to requests for information within the 30 days spelled out by the act.